

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING BUCK YOUNG

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 12, 2008

Mr. TANCREDO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Paul Edward Moore, better known to his friends as Buck. Buck's untimely death in a motorcycle accident is a tragic loss to his family, community, and indeed the nation.

Buck was the founder of Riders Against Illegal Aliens, an advocacy group dedicated to immigration reform and preserving American sovereignty. Buck led numerous rallies protesting the influx of illegal immigration, the unjust incarceration of Border Patrol agents Ramos and Compean, and the government's lack of will to enforce immigration laws. He will be missed.

Madam Speaker, I want to express my sincerest condolences to Buck's friends and family. He was a dedicated patriot and will not be forgotten.

CELEBRATING THE CITY OF MENDOTA'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO MINNESOTA STATEHOOD

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. McCOLLUM of Minnesota. Madam Speaker, as Minnesota celebrates its 150th anniversary of statehood this year, I rise to pay special tribute to the place where it all began.

Without the town of Mendota, there would be no Minnesota. Almost 200 years ago, Fort Snelling, the first U.S. outpost in the region, was established at this confluence of the Minnesota and Mississippi Rivers. As trappers and Native Americans came to the fort to conduct trade and commerce, a settlement sprang up outside its walls. The settlers called their community "Mendota," a Dakota word meaning "where the waters meet."

Mendota was one of the first permanent communities in Minnesota, and its residents would play a pivotal role in the path to statehood and the following 150 years of State history.

Henry Sibley arrived in Mendota in 1834 and built the first stone house in the State, which still stands today. Mr. Sibley became a leader in local politics, going to Congress and guiding Minnesota to territory status by 1849, then leading the push toward statehood. When Minnesota became a State in 1858, Mr. Sibley served as the first governor.

St. Paul, the city which I call home, also owes a special debt of gratitude to another, more colorful Mendota resident. In 1832, Mr. "Pig's Eye" Parrant established an infamous distillery in Mendota, but was soon kicked out

of the town for selling liquor to Fort Snelling soldiers and Indians.

"Pig's Eye" headed about five miles down the Mississippi River to start a new settlement, named in his own honor. Over the following decades, that community would blossom into Minnesota's thriving capital city—and thankfully receive a new name: St. Paul.

The city of Mendota has thrived throughout Minnesota's history. Today, it remains a unique, vibrant, close-knit community, overflowing with historic landmarks. Our sesquicentennial celebrations would not be complete without recognizing Mendota's contributions to Minnesota's story.

I know that visitors will be delighted by what they discover and learn in Mendota through many more State sesquicentennials to come.

HONORING BILL SANTUCCI

HON. JOHN T. DOOLITTLE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 12, 2008

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Bill Santucci, who sadly passed away on May 7, 2008. Bill was a lifelong resident of Roseville, CA, and served his community for over 20 years as an elected official. His vision and leadership in the city of Roseville and Placer County enabled the region to accommodate a period of rapid growth and improve the quality of life for residents in the area.

In Roseville, Bill served on and chaired both the Roseville Project Review Committee and the Roseville Planning Commission. He also served for a year on Roseville's personnel board. Bill was first appointed and then elected to the Roseville City Council for two terms, including four years as Mayor. In 1988, after raising over \$30,000 for their work, the American Cancer Society named Bill Man of the Year. Then in 1990, the Roseville Sons of Italy Lodge named Bill Citizen of the Year.

Bill Santucci was first elected to the Placer County Board of Supervisors in 1995. He served on the board for 12 years, serving as board chair twice. Bill's effectiveness and support were evident, as he ran unopposed for reelection in 1998 and 2002. As a county supervisor, Bill consistently championed the needs of his constituents while also being a strong advocate for the interests of the county as a whole. Bill's impact as a community leader was immediately apparent, as he aided residents whose homes were flooded shortly after he took office by raising the elevation of homes in flood zones and ensuring that new homes would not be vulnerable to flooding. Bill understood the importance of a solid infrastructure, helping the smaller towns he represented to install sewer lines and working to secure Federal funding for important transportation projects. He was also an advocate for the preservation of open space throughout the county, working to construct new parks.

On June 25, Bill will be honored as the new Justice Center in Roseville is dedicated in his name. This is a fitting tribute to a man who spent his life making Placer County a better place to live, work, and visit. My thoughts and prayers are with Bill's wife, Norma and his son, David. Bill's accomplishments will carry on, and his example will benefit the region for years to come.

MOURNING THE VICTIMS OF CYCLONE NARGIS IN BURMA

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 12, 2008

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart after receiving news of the devastating Cyclone Nargis which struck Burma this past weekend.

As of today there have been over 100,000 reported dead or missing in Burma, and millions more remain in dire conditions as a result of the storm. Especially concerning is the capability of the nation's ruling military junta to assist the populace in transmitting much needed food, water, and medical supplies within a reasonable time frame. There have already been reports that the repressive regime has been slow to provide this needed assistance.

The United States and the international community must expedite humanitarian assistance to Burma and press the government to open up to aid from the global community and assist in its distribution. A rapid response can help ensure this tragedy does not expand into a national catastrophe for the people of Burma.

At this time I urge my colleagues to support any measures which extend aid to the people of Burma. My thoughts and prayers are with the families of Burma who must mourn the loss of so many loved ones, and must now rebuild their lives and their country.

INTRODUCTION OF THE RIO GRANDE PUEBLOS IRRIGATION INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVE- MENT ACT

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 12, 2008

Mr. TOM UDALL of New Mexico. Madam Speaker, my district in Northern New Mexico is home to a number of Native American tribes. Stretching through the Rio Grande Basin are 18 Pueblo Indian communities who for centuries and countless generations have depended on that precious and rare commodity in the west—water. Water has always been an essential component of the traditions and day to day practices of these rich cultures, but as communities have grown and

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